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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, HU, COCOM, ESTC

SUBJECT: IBM COMPUTER FOR HUNGARIAN STATISTICAL OFFICE

REF: BUDAPEST 2391 AND PREVIOUS

1. ACTION REQUESTED: A) WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ON LATEST MEETINGS IBM WITH USG OFFICIALS WASHINGTON AND IN PARTICULAR CONFIRMATION THAT LATEST IBM LETTER OF SELQ 16 (REFERRED TO BELOW) ON CONDITIONS OF SALE WAS APPROVED BY USG.

B) THAT SY PROVIDE US WITH FOUR LOCKS (HASPED) WHICH IT CONSIDERS SATISFACTORY FOR SECURITY OF TAPES IN CIRCUMSTANCES ENVISAGED.

2. OCT 9 MEETING WITH IBM REPS INDICATES THAT PROBLEMS IN HUNGARIAN APPROVAL IBM 370-155 INSTALLATION FOR CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE (CSO) MAY SOON BE RESOLVED. COPY OF IBM LETTER TO METRIMPEX DATED SEPT 16 GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR OCT 9 MORE DIPLOMATIC WORDING THAN PREVIOUS IBM APPROACH TO QUESTION OF STORAGE AND TRANSMISSION OF OPERATIONAL DATA REQUIRED BY U.S. EXCON. HOWEVER, LETTER LIMITS IBM PERIOD OF CONTINUING WORKDAY ACCESS TO COMPUTERS TO 24 MONTHS, WITH QUARTERLY SUPPORT VISITS THEREAFTER AND PUTS WHOLE REQUIREMENT IN GUISE OF SERVICES TO CSO. IBM STATES THIS LETTER WAS APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON.

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3. ACCORDING TO IBM, CEI NOW PREPARED TO AGREE TO WEEKLY

REMOVAL OF METER READINGS AND DATA SETS FROM COMPUTER ROOM BY IBM REPRESENTATIVE TO ENTRANCE OF CSO WHERE EMBASSY OFFICIAL WILL COLLECT MATERIAL FOR TRANSMISSION TO U.S. EXPECTS LETTER FROM THEM INCLUDING THIS POINT NEXT WEEK AND WILL GIVE US COPY. IBM THEN HOPES TO DELIVER COMPUTER IN DECEMBER.

4. A MODIFIED COMMERCIAL ALUMINUM BOX FOR STORAGE OF THE REQUIRED DATA IS BEING OBTAINED BY IBM IN VIENNA. WE DID NOT COMMENT ON SUITABILITY OF THIS STORAGE SYSTEM IN LIGHT DEPT'S COMMENT ON BOX (STATE 192044). REQUEST DEPT (SY) PROVIDE US WITH FOUR PADLOCKS WHICH SY BELIEVES SUFFICIENT FOR SECURITY OF BOX IN CIRCUMSTANCES ENVISAGED. (IBM WILL HAVE AT LEAST TWO BOXES, WHICH WILL BE EXCHANGED.)

5. IF LETTER FROM METRIMPEX INCLUDES EMBASSY ROLE WE WILL MAKE FCIAL CHECK WITH CSO OR FONMIN TO BE SURE THIS FULLY COORDINATED.
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